

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**Adopt Ordinance 1346 to adopt the 2045 Population and
Housing Allocations.**

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ORDINANCE 1346

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.040 requires Lewis County to plan under and in accordance with the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130 requires that comprehensive plans be subject to continuing review and evaluation by each county at a frequency no more than once every year, except adoption of comprehensive plan amendments necessary to enact a planned action under RCW 43.21C.440; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.210 counties to adopt countywide planning policies in cooperation with cities; and

WHEREAS, RCW 43.62.035 requires that every five years the Office of Financial Management (OFM) is responsible for providing a 20-year growth management population projection to each county within Washington State. The projection is provided as a range, with the medium projection as the most likely estimate. The OFM 2045 population growth management projection was provided to Lewis County on January 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, WAC 365-196-310(2)(b) states that the county is responsible for choosing the 20-year growth management population projection from within the OFM range and allocating the population to each city and Urban Growth Area in the county; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.070(2)(a) requires that the county and cities comprehensive plans include a 20-year projected housing need, as provided by the Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1220 directed the Department of Commerce developed the Housing for All Planning Tool (HAPT) with two alternative methods for allocating housing need and with an option allowing counties to choose a different methodology, if the resulting projected housing need allocations are in substantial compliance with the state guidance; and

WHEREAS, the population allocations presented in Exhibit A, Table 1, are within the OFM projected range for Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the housing allocations presented in Exhibit A, Table 2, are in substantial compliance with the HAPT because the overall projected housing need in Exhibit A, Table 2, matches the overall projected housing need in HAPT Method A; and

WHEREAS, the Planned Growth Committee, which includes the mayor from each city in Lewis County (or their designee) and the Chair of the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners, voted on April 19, 2023 to recommend the population and housing allocations presented in Exhibit A to the Lewis County Planning Commission for a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, staff provided notice for public hearings before the Lewis County Planning Commission on the proposed population and housing allocations in the manner prescribed in Chapter 17.05 and 17.12 Lewis County Code on April 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planning Commission held public hearings on the proposed population and housing allocations on May 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearings, the Lewis County Planning Commission deliberated and determined that the proposed population and housing allocations presented in Exhibit A meet the intent and requirements of the state statutes and were in accordance with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023 the Planning Commission signed a Letter of Transmittal recommending approval of the proposed population and housing allocations presented in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) passed Resolution 23-XXX to hold a public hearing on Ordinance 1346 and directed the Clerk of the Board to provide notice of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC held duly noticed public hearing on the proposed population and housing allocations on June 13, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the BOCC finds that the population and housing allocations presented in Exhibit A meet the intent and requirements of the state statutes and are in accordance with the public interest; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOCC directs staff to revise the Lewis County Countywide Planning Policies to remove the Lewis County Adopted 2040 Population Allocations, as shown in Exhibit B; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOCC directs staff to amend the Lewis County Countywide Planning Policies to update the Projections of the Total Resident Population for the Growth Management Act to reflect the 2045 OFM growth management population projections, as shown in Exhibit B; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOCC directs staff to amend the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan to add the 2045 population allocations, shown in Exhibit C, and the housing allocations, as shown in Exhibit D; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOCC adopts Exhibit A as Further Findings of Fact.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Sean Swope, Chair

ATTEST:

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Lyndsey R. Pollock, DVM, Commissioner